

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for March 26, 2025

This Week's Topic is Annie Thompson
Topic "Boys & Girls Club" (p)

Pledge: Mike Jepkes

Invocation:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



None This Week

Club Officers:
President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Past President

Ken Sweet
Lane Andrews
Tom Durkin
Ruthann Moomy
Will Knoblauch

Directors:

2023-2025: Jim Roos, Logan MacMillan, Ferris Forar

2024-2026: Mike Jepkes, Susan Markley, Rick Sutton

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Division 5 Lt. Governor Kristy Tolan
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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting March 19

Total attendance - 33

Guest - 2

March Project hours: 334

Wednesday Meeting in person

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO
80123

Satellite Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 01, 12:30 PM

Colorado Credit Union building, 10026 W. San Juan Way

Links for signups and reporting hours

Scan QR or click on link



[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

[VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

Please report hours

Upcoming Club Programs

| | | |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Apr 02 | Alex Koons | "Second Wind Fund" (p) |
| Apr 09 | | "Student of the Month" |
| Apr 16 | | "Social Hour" |
| Apr 23 | Lane Andrews | "Increasing Membership" |

Future Club Events and Service Projects

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|-----------------|-----|---|
| Mar 25 | Tue | Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00 |
| Mar 27 | Thu | Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris |
| Mar 30 | Sun | Jefferson Symphony - Jim R |
| Mar 31 | Mon | Project CURE- George |
| Mar 31 - Apr 04 | | JA 3 rd Grade - Tom D |
| Apr 01 | Tue | Satellite Club - Charlie - Colorado Credit Union |
| Apr 04 - Apr 06 | | Rocky Mountain Key Club District Convention |
| Apr 15 | Tue | Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00 |
| Apr 23 | Wed | Open House |

Nourish Meals on Wheels

(Note - some changes have not been recorded)

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|--------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Mar 26 | Wed | Geri Reinhart and Sandy Legge |
| Mar 27 | Thu | Scott Story & Jim Foley |
| Mar 28 | Fri | Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull |
| Mar 31 | Mon | Jerry & Jan Clayton |
| Apr 01 | Tue | Riggs & Bobbi Smith |
| Apr 02 | Wed | Tom Durkin and Friend |
| Apr 03 | Thu | Rod & Karen Hunley |
| Apr 04 | Fri | Abe Baltazar & Jim Johnstone |
| Apr 07 | Mon | Don Buck & Jim Foley |
| Apr 09 | Wed | Steve & Debbie Barnes |
| Apr 10 | Thu | Scott Story & Jim Foley |
| Apr 11 | Fri | Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull |
| Apr 14 | Mon | Ken Sweet & Jim Johnstone |
| Apr 15 | Tue | Riggs & Bobbi Smith |
| Apr 16 | Wed | Denny Brehm family |

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Fire Disaster Relief Changing Children's Lives

No one can imagine what it means to lose your home, school, community and friends. The devastation caused by the fires in Hawaii and California has an unimaginable impact on the lives of those children. Toward this goal of helping these unfortunate children, our club sponsored a matching funds challenge to support our CAL-NEV-HA Kiwanis Children's Fund. We are pleased to announce that \$350.00 was contributed by our members. Your club will now send an additional \$350.00 in matching funds. It is our hope that this contribution helps in some small way to mitigate their suffering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Tom Durkin

Key Club Charity Basketball Game

The Key Clubs from Dakota Ridge and Chatfield are hosting their annual faculty basketball game. The benefactor of the game is The Action Center. This year's game will be played on April

2 at Chatfield Senior High School starting at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$5 or a non-perishable food item. If any of our club members would like to donate to this charity game, I will collect money or food items at the next 3 club meetings. -Rod Hunley

Jared Project

Our club purchases and delivers new items to the kids at Children's Hospital-South Campus on a quarterly basis. The hospital's wish list for this quarter's donation was for coloring books, crayons and Hot Wheel cars. We had a lot of fun choosing the items, especially the cars. We delivered four bags full of these items on Tuesday, March 18th. The Children's Hospital volunteer who accepted our donation was very appreciative of our club's continued support.

Dayle Axman and Lori Conway



Gratitude

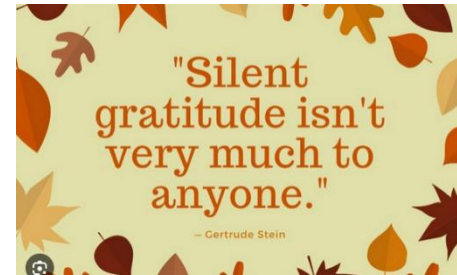
We have a lot of members that are necessary for the success of our club. Many are doing things most of the club does not know about.

This member we are going to honor today.

Some of what he/she does:

- Archives data for Kiwanis Records/
- Always willing to help.
- No brag / just action.
- IFCS regular
- Led effort in Signup Genius.
- Past president
- Always ready to help.

If you know who he/she is reply to the newsletter. AND give them a big personal thank you. - Ken



Jefferson Symphony

Next concert: Sunday, March 30, 2025, volunteer shift 1:30-5:30 pm.

Program: Our favorite Overture (it's a secret), the Brahms Symphony No. 2, and features our 2025 Young Artist Winner, 16-year-old Li Yuqing performing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. It will be a full concert with intermission this time!

Put on your calendars for Sunday, May 18, 2025. We are doing TWO performances at 1 pm and 4 pm of a multi-media Star Wars family concert. This will be a longer day, so if we need two shifts that is not a problem.

Young Artists Concert

Sunday, March 30th, 2025 at the CSM Green Center

The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra
MAR 30 2024
Young Artist Concert
2025 JSO*YAC Winner - Li Yuqing



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King Soopers Community Rewards

Support your Columbine Kiwanis Club by enrolling your King Soopers Card in the Community Rewards Program. King Soopers will donate to the club based on a percentage of your purchases.

To enroll, go to www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com; create a digital account and link your card to Columbine Kiwanis Club.

Open House

The Membership Committee has decided to have an 'Open House' April 23rd. It is the first Wednesday after Easter. This will be the first of a few Open Houses of the year. Be thinking about the people that you would like to invite. All our welcome for a free breakfast.

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Mary Rome

Open House

Membership

To continue and increase our service to food banks, non-profits, schools we need to recruit a few new members every year, a few of our members move away or are no longer able to help with projects. We need to ask friends and neighbors to join us and make new friends. We are starting each week to role play our elevator speech.



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Rocky Mountain Key Club

District Convention

April 4th - 6th

We are excited to announce the opportunity to be a part of this year's Rocky Mountain Key Club District Convention as we celebrate the centennial of Key Club International!

In past years, the Kiwanis Family Reunion was a highlight of Saturday at DCON. With the shift to holding our convention at the YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park Center, we're no longer able to host a luncheon. However, we've retooled our Sunday to focus on celebrating the Kiwanis Family of which we're so proud to be a part.

Sunday will feature a service project, inspirational remarks from Kiwanis Family Leaders, visits from our International Trustee Nidhi Rao and 2024-2025 Key Club International President David Robaina, the retirement of our 2024-2025 District Board of Trustees and installation of our coming year's servant leaders.

We hope you'll consider joining us for our Kiwanis Family Celebration! For \$25, we'll be providing the opportunity to join us along with celebratory treats and mementos celebrating our 100 years of service.

We hope you'll be part of the fun. And we'd even encourage you to consider getting your club together for a weekend retreat in beautiful Estes Park! Check out our District Convention website at www.rmdkeyclub.org/dcon for more information. [You can register here](#) to join us (be sure to click "more prices" and select Kiwanis Visitor - SUNDAY ONLY).

If you have any questions or need more information feel free to reach out. And, of course, please feel free to share the invitation with all your Kiwanis Family Friends. We look forward to seeing you in Estes Park!

In Service,
Elisa Williams, Governor
Shane Miller, Administrator
Rocky Mountain District of Key Club

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Upcoming Elections

As strange as it might sound, it is time to start the nomination process for the club officer and board member positions that need to be filled for the fiscal year that starts on October 1, 2025. Kiwanis' rules require that we have new officer elections completed by mid-May.

Here are the positions that we need to fill:

- Club Secretary, term is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (1 year). No candidates at present.
- President Elect, term is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (1 year). The President Elect will then become the club president for the following fiscal year. No candidates at present.
- Treasurer, term is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (1 year). Ruthann is resigning as the treasurer at the end of this fiscal year. Tom Durkin has offered to take over as treasurer. Other candidates are welcome to run for this office.
- We have three positions on the Board up for election. These Board members will serve for two years from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. No candidates at present.

Lane Andrew is the current President Elect. He has agreed to be the club President for next fiscal year and will run unopposed.

If you want to run for any of the open positions or want to nominate someone for any of these positions, please let me know. Also, let me know if you want to participate on the nominating committee.

Will Knoblauch wknoblauch@icloud.com, (303) 881-1446

OLLI (Lifelong Learning)

At OLLI at DU, we believe that "Curiosity Never Retires." Our vibrant, member-driven learning community is dedicated to providing an exciting and intellectually engaging curriculum tailored for individuals aged 50 and better. With over 120 classes per term and more than 2,000 active members across the Denver metro area, we offer a diverse range of learning opportunities that inspire seasoned learners from all walks of life.

Spring semester is starting, over 100 classes are available both in person and on line.

<https://olli.du.edu/duolli/category/category.aspx>

Lift Up Littleton Forum

Introductions and Activity Update

We went around the table and got activity updates from all the organizations present. THERE IS A LOT OF WONDERFUL SEVERICE GOING ON OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!

A website for Lift Up Littleton has been created; lists mission, what we do, core values, Longer Tables information to include pilot table video, news article and sponsorship information: [Lift Up Littleton Longer Tables](#).

Financial update

A couple of grant applications were submitted, one for April 23rd pilot and one for September 24th event (\$2,500 each). We/LongerTables.org (our fiscal agent) received a City of Littleton community grant of a modest financial amount but includes a great deal of in-kind services and staffing by the City.

Upcoming 2nd Pilot Event - April 23

Will be held on 4/23 at EPIC Campus with 6:00 pm start time. Fifty people were on the waiting list from the fall event, with 120 max places. The 2nd pilot will be the same size and will include the waitlist. We are inviting faith leaders to this event and can add potential sponsors/leaders. Tami will send a link for sign-up; discussion of who else should be invited to create a diverse group once again to include people who are fluent in other languages.

Volunteers - Captain position is still open. Volunteers will have training at their own "table" event before September 24th. The question was asked if student/scouts could stay to have dinner at the table; people 18 and over will be able to stay; younger children will be encouraged to bring their families for proper supervision.

Other

Lift Up Littleton - use social media: Facebook – follow, invite your friends, share posts. LinkedIn – can invite contacts, tag people, Instagram – working on it

Next meeting will be held on Friday, March 28th, 12:30 – 2:00 pm at East Community Center.

With gratitude for your participation,
Heidi Taylor
Tami Slipher
Co-Facilitators of Lift Up Littleton



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